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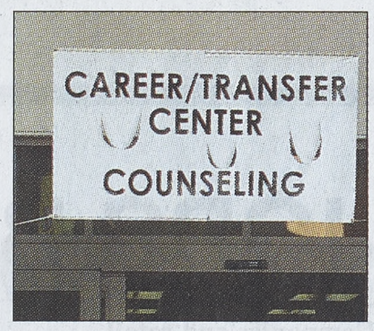

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STUDENT AID WOES PLAGUE MONARCHS

Months after applying, financial aid continues to elude many students who are still waiting to receive notice of whether they will be granted scholarships for the fall semester.

PATRICIA RIVERA
STAFF WRITER

With the semester in full swing, some Valley College students have yet to receive all of their financial aid assistance.

"Technically, [students] have until the end of the spring semester to still receive money," said Vernon Bridges, the manager of financial aid. "It is best to apply early as it takes 4 to 6 weeks [on average] to process a financial aid file under normal conditions."

Some of the reasons for the delay are that students either turned in their FAFSA form right before deadline or they missed the deadline altogether. Even so, students will receive their money based on their individual circumstances.

If students are enrolled for both the fall and spring semester, they may receive their money throughout both semesters. According to Bridges, the deadline to receive assistance depends on a student's enrollment.

"I turned in the application, so I'm just waiting," said art major Adriana Briano about her financial aid status.

Applying for financial aid, according to undecided major Adrian Ramos, the process has been easy for him, and he is hoping to use the money toward buying a laptop and other school supplies he would not otherwise be able to afford.

Some students have not been as fortunate as Ramos. Criminal justice major Jonathan Tax has had a negative experience with the FAFSA process.

"I find the process to be stressful, because there is not enough help in the office," Tax said. "There are enough computers but not enough staff to answer questions."

Most students apply for assistance on their own and only go to the Financial Aid Office for guidance or to see what corrections need to be made on the application itself.

To apply for financial aid, students must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The deadline for the 2013-2014 school year was this past March.

Financial aid is money set aside by the federal government and the state of California to help students pay for college and it comes in many forms. The forms are grants, fee waivers, work-study jobs, and loans.

The Financial Aid Office is located in the Student Services Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

JAHSAUDI PERKINS, PHOTO EDITOR | VALLEY STAR

TALKING TRANSFER - Representatives from universities and other organizations speak to Valley College students Oct. 29 about their next step.

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STUDENTS MEET REPS AT CAREER/ TRANSFER FAIR

Valley students looking for jobs and to transfer take advantage of the college and transfer fair.

NIMA GHAFOORZADEH
STAFF WRITER

Valley College hosted a college fair Oct. 29 in front of the Humanities Building for students eager to transfer to a four-year college or university.

Counseling intern Armine Papazian said the purpose of the fair was "to learn about the different universities that are out there in the state of California." She added that the fair also "had some private schools outside that were able to give brochures, pamphlets and information about their schools that the students might not have been aware of."

One element of transferring the fair wanted students to be aware of is that there are varying application deadlines to different four-year universities, ranging from November through March. For instance, the CSU and UC transfer application filing deadline is Nov. 30 for the fall 2014. The last day to receive application assistance from the Career/Transfer Center is Nov. 27.

"It gave the students an opportunity to explore, look at the different four-year schools that are available," said Career Graduate Counseling Assistant Yurica Yamaguchi. She added that the fair was not limited to universities. "We had some public companies, and the LAPD was there, so we had government corporations come out."

Among the 54 colleges and universities at the event were UCLA, UCSB, UCSD, USC, CSUN, CSULA, along with recruiters from government offices, such as the LAPD and the Marines. More than 2,500 students attended the event, which ran from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and each representative talked to roughly 50 students. The fair included three panels: a UC panel, a CSU one, and a third for private universities.

"For the UC panel, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Berkeley were there," Papazian said. "UCLA, CSUN and CSULA are more of the popular ones because they are feeder campuses. We feed a lot of LAVC students to them."

For more information, visit the Student Services Annex Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PARKING ISSUE REMEDY ARRIVES

The new parking structure includes new technology and will be complete by fall 2014.

JORGE BELON
STAFF WRITER

The new parking structure on Ethel Ave. will no longer open on its original date of April 11, 2014. Currently the new timeline that Valley College students can expect is the summer of 2014, according to Robert Tellez, the project manager of Yang Management.

"July of next year is our date for now," Tellez said. "Our main goal, though, is to have the parking structure open by the fall semester of next year."

The reason for the delay on the opening is due to how long the approval took for construction to begin.

"The reason why it will not be ready by April 11 is because it was barely approved in the month of September," Tellez said, "We were expecting the approval to come four to five months earlier, and as a result of the delay, we barely began construction last month. Which means it should take eight months or a little more for the new parking structure to be ready."

Despite the delay of the parking structure, the students of Valley still have a lot to look forward to when the new structure opens next summer. One of the great things about the new parking structure is the location itself.

"The important part of the new parking structure is that it is located in the center of the campus," said Vice President of Administrative Service Christopher Bonvenuto. "Now, students can drive down Ethel and park right in the middle of the campus, so students will not have to park on the complete opposite side of where their class is located and barely make it on time to class."

Not only is the location of the parking structure a good thing for students, teachers, and faculty members, but the size of the new parking structure is also something. The building will incorporate some new, state of the art technology.

"The parking structure will be four stories high and have 1,200 parking spaces," Tellez said, "It will also have space for electrical vehicles to charge, and it will have a parking counter system as well."

Bonvenuto is excited about the new system, which will track which levels have spaces available that will be installed in the structure.

"So when I drive in, I will immediately see if levels one and two are full," Bonvenuto said. "So I know to go directly to level three."

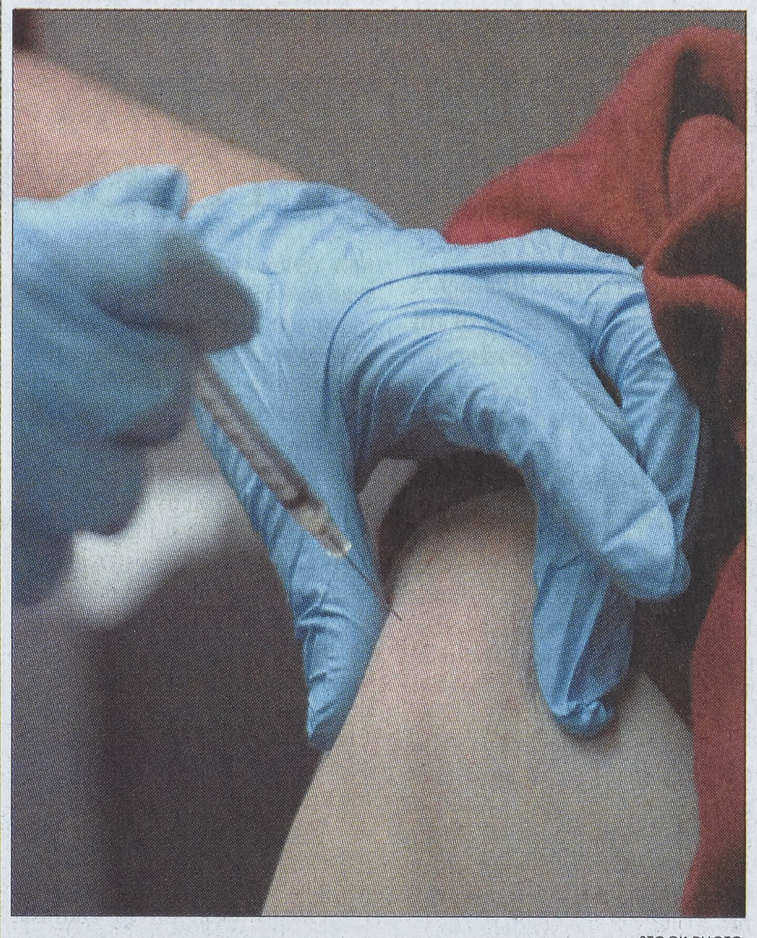
Students will not have just the new parking structure as the only option of parking on school grounds. The original parking lots that already exist around Valley will still be available when the parking structure opens.

"Lot 'A' has just been improved," Tellez said, "Lot 'B' is going to be redone, and we are going to add more parking in lot 'B'. Also, the bungalows will be torn down to create two more parking lots for students, teachers, and faculty to use."

The timeline for the two extra parking lots that will be located on Burbank Blvd. has not yet been established, since the main concentration has gone toward the new parking structure. Students can stress less, knowing that the days of being late to class because of the lack of parking are numbered.

"We have a big campus," Bonvenuto said. "Students will have the ability to park wherever their classes will be located that day, instead of students just parking at one side of the school when their class is on the other side."

INFLUENZA VACCINE EXPLAINED



STOCK PHOTO

STICK ME - As flu season descends upon Valley College, nurses, armed with vaccinations, prepare to swoop down upon students.

Flu season returns with a vengeance, and the FDA introduces a new vaccine.

JORDAN UTLEY-THOMSON
STAFF WRITER

The first person to die from influenza in California was not only a Los Angeles County resident but also someone who lived in the San Fernando Valley, according to the Los Angeles Daily News. Flu season is here.

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a contagious respiratory illness. It is easily spreadable and can result in anything from mild discomfort, to hospitalization or death. Symptoms and signs of the flu include fever, chills, coughing, a sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, aches, fatigue, vomiting and diarrhea.

Valley College has a Student Health Center at the North Gym, where students can receive a flu shot at a reduced cost. Services are scheduled through appointment and must be accompanied by a student ID and proof of current registration, showing payment of the student health fee.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urges everyone 6 months of age and up to get the flu shot. Only people who experienced an allergic reaction to a previous influenza vaccination or are younger than 6 months should not be vaccinated.

For those who have an egg allergy, a new FDA-approved vaccine called Flublok is available and was approved Jan. 16. According to the CDC, Flublok does not use the influenza virus or chicken eggs in its manufacturing process. It also has a shorter shelf life of 16 weeks from the production date. The new vaccine is available for adults ages 18 to 49, and will be available for the 2013-2014 influenza season.

It takes about two weeks for immunization to take effect after the shot. Flu season peaks throughout winter and early spring, although shots are recommended as early as late summer and the beginning of fall.

While the flu does change every year, the composition of

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Spring Semester 2014 Catalog is available online.
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•Registration for new and returning students is Dec. 9 to Feb. 7.

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JOBS BRING HOLIDAY CHEER

Companies and retail stores look to hire college students for the holiday season.

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WORKER ELVES - As companies plan for the holiday hiring season, college students head off to tackle seasonal jobs.

Students looking for extra cash for the holidays, tis the season to look to look for a job.

According to USA Today, 45 percent of companies like to recruit college students.

"Looking for a seasonal job in the winter is a good experience for students," said engineering major Jaime Lopez. "A lot of companies tend to hire during the winter. This gives a lot of students looking for a job an opportunity to get one."

According to the Los Angeles Times, stores and distribution centers are likely to add 665,800 workers. That is an 11 percent drop from last year when 751,800 seasonal workers were employed.

"I personally think the Christmas season is a great time to get hired but one of the worst times to keep the job after the season ends," said Target shift manager Michael Lopez. "There are just so many people we hire during the season, that usually less than 10 percent of them get kept."

Target said the company would be hiring 70,000 seasonal employees this year—20 percent less than in 2012. The retail store wants to give its current workers a chance to pick up extra holiday working hours.

Another major store, Walmart, stated it would be hiring 55,000 holiday workers. The company will move 35,000 currently employees to a part time status while another 35,000 employees will be moved from part time to full time.

Toys "R" Us will look to hire 45,00 employees to help during the holiday season. More than 2,300 seasonal workers will be hired in the Los Angeles area alone.

"The fact is that retailers are getting smarter about staffing," John A. Challenger, the chief executive of the Challenger consultancy, said to the L.A. Times. "The era of big data has armed everyone with the information they need to more accurately predict the ebbs and flows in sales activity and adjust hiring accordingly."

The less amount of job opportunities there are this winter could be due to the fact that this year there were more job opportunities during the months of March and April, before summer began.

Retailers added 482,000 employees, 42 percent more than last year, according to the L.A. Times.

Other places looking for holiday help include tourist attractions, such as Universal City Walk.

"We will hire during the Christmas season, and we will most likely let them go when the season is over," said Sparky's manager Chris Poyer. ""If they are really good, then we might keep them, but they will work a very small amount of hours per week."

FLU

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the vaccine does too, so an annual vaccination is still effective.

Vaccination is a safe way to combat the flu and does not contain the live virus. Side effects such as soreness and redness may occur, but the shot will not give a person influenza.

"This age group here on campus just feels like they're immortal and are not going to get sick [and] people always have this myth that, if they get the flu vaccine, they're going to get sick from [it]," said Student Health Center physician assistant Sonia Nodal. "When you do get your flu vaccine, you will not get the flu. You can't. It's an inactive form."

However, not everyone agrees with the importance of the flu shot. The CDC reports that, for the 2011 to 2012 influenza season, the national coverage for adults 18 years and older was only 38.8 percent.

"I'm a pretty young and healthy guy, and [I] haven't had the flu in forever," said business major Sam Alon. "[A flu shot] is just not a priority right now in my life."

According to the American Lung Association, at least 36,000 Americans die from the flu each year. Many of the afflicted are children, the elderly and those with chronic illnesses or delicate immune systems. These groups are considered high risk individuals.

The County of Los Angeles Public Health recommends a number of steps to take for flu prevention. These include frequent washing of hands, avoiding contact with the sick, covering the mouth after coughing or sneezing with a tissue or sleeve, staying home and avoiding people if sick, and getting an annual flu shot.

"The truth is, the more of us that get our flu vaccines, [the more it] allows [the] community to have less probability of getting the flu," Nodal said. "You don't have to be high risk to get it."

VIKTOREA SILVA | SPECIAL TO THE STAR
ABILITIES - Alexia Johnson and Michael Griggs speak Thursday at the Disabilities Day event in Monarch Hall.

DISABILITIES DAY INSPIRES STUDENTS TO OVERCOME

Student Trustee Michael Griggs gives students of all abilities hope for leadership roles.

CAMILA TABAR
STAFF WRITER

This past Thursday, Disabilities Awareness Day sought to defy stigmas and motivate all students to get involved on campus.

"We don't believe that [Valley College] should just be a commuter school," said Associated Student Union President Alexia Johnson. "[College] is an opportunity to make friends and have fun."

On Halloween, more than two dozen people of all ages and abilities, gathered in Monarch Hall in support of their school and fellow students. The event was free and only lasted an hour, but it left attendees with numerous resources and networking opportunities.

Speaker Michael Griggs believes all students, disabled or not, should experience all that extracurricular activities have to offer them. As a student trustee and president of Los Angeles Mission College's Associated Student Organization, Griggs spoke at the event to inspire other students with exceptional needs to get involved as well. Living with cerebral palsy, he does not let his disability thwart his dreams.

"My disability does not define me," Griggs said. "I define my disability."

Griggs went on to address how he believes people with exceptional needs should be better portrayed in the media, but he still feels that barriers can only really be defied by the individual.

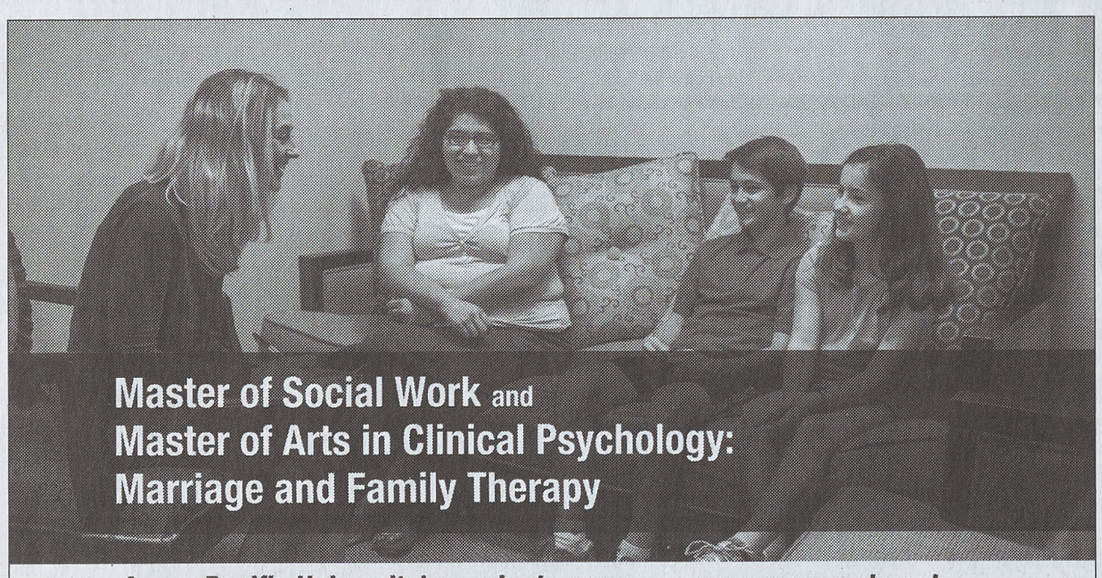
"Having a disability, you can't expect to have the door always held wide open for you," Griggs said. "For me, I just need a little crack in the door and I'll run right through it."

As further incentive, Johnson highlighted the perks of being a part of college clubs.

"College is not just about working hard; it's also about networking," Johnson said. "[Students can receive] scholarships in clubs that are easy and fun."

Valley's numerous clubs and student body government are always welcoming new members.

If students cannot find a club suited to their interests, they always have the option of creating a new club. Visit http://www.lavc.edu/ASU/ for more information about the ASU and new club registration forms.



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ZAIN'S BRAIN

KNOWING MOLLY CAN HURT

She might not be as fun as everyone says she is.

ZAIN ABOURAIA

Ignorance kills. People popping Molly and dancing to erratic music with a gang of fellow idiots need to be educated on the dangers of the drug. Moreover, the possibility of a positive medical application needs to be considered.

MDMA is a substance that creates feelings of a deep connection to others and emotional availability, as detailed in the book "The Therapeutic Use of MDMA." It may also have stimulating qualities, as part of the amphetamine class of drugs.

Terminology is inhibiting in any research, but concerning MDMA it is quite steep. "Ecstasy" refers to the drug in pill form, heavily adulterated with adjuncts, such as LSD, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and bath salts. "Molly" and "Mandy" refer to the crystalline and liquid forms of the drug, implying a higher level of purity, though not always. Pills are priced from $10 to $20, with each trip lasting up to 12 hours.

Until 1970, the only interest in MDMA was by the U.S. Army, as an interrogation tool. It became popular for recreational use in the mid-'70s, and then groundbreaking psychotherapist Alexander Shulgin popularized it as an agent for enhancing therapy, chronicled in "Subjective Reports of the Effects of MDMA in a Clinical Setting." It made defensive or closed off people emotionally vulnerable.

Shulgin was ahead of his time in applying the drug's properties therapeutically. Although some take it as a way of self-medicating social anxieties, it is widely used recreationally and is associated with dimly lit clubs with speakers blaring electronic dance music and glow-sticks and pacifiers to combat the oral fixation, a common side-effect of the drug, as reported by users.

Stop right there, kids; it all seems like fun and games, but consider the morning after. In its current state as an illicit street drug, users complain of feeling "like a truck hit you" the next morning. Ecstasy triggers large doses of hormones to be released, which are depleted the next day, causing short-term damage. Chronic users have reported feeling more depressed after they quit. There is also the risk of dehydration when using ecstasy.

Molly and its counterparts are artificial intoxicants. Enjoying popularity in the underground drug scene, Ecstasy has become forever branded as a clandestine way to have a joyous experience while rebelling against the man—meaning the government will unfortunately never allow it to become a legitimate medicine with the potential to cure psychopathologies like post-traumatic stress disorder.

Due to its Schedule I status, American research scientists are currently not permitted to investigate it. Come on, America; we should join the rest of the world that allows medical research and human clinical trials on MDMA-assisted psychotherapy. The image of a 90-pound raver girl gyrating to Deadmau5 needs to be replaced the image of a clean doctor's office where a patient is having a transcendent life-changing experience for the better.

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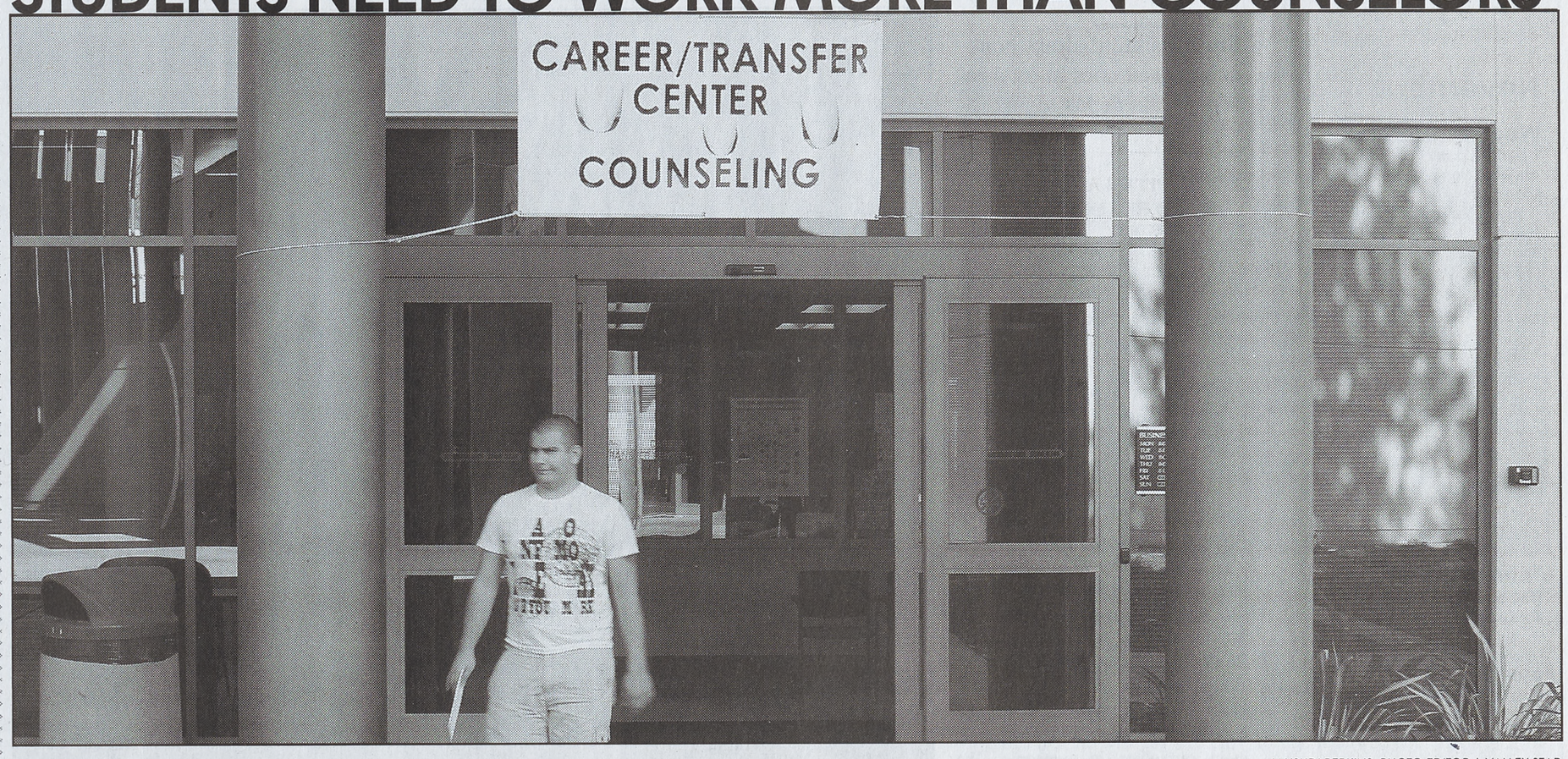
STUDENTS NEED TO WORK MORE THAN COUNSELORS



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ANOTHER SATISFIED CUSTOMER - A student walking outside of counseling transfer center next to the ASU building this past Tuesday.

Students need to help themselves to succeed.

JORDAN UTLEY-THOMSON
STAFF WRITER

Counselors at Valley College are inefficient and understaffed, and it can be overwhelming for students to gather information on their own. Regardless, there is no excuse to be uniformed.

There is no denying how unfortunate it is that every student cannot get frequent one-on-one meetings with his or her counselor. That is the way that the world should work. However, life does not stop and start at one's convenience, and it is up to tenacious individuals to work around reality. Playing the blame game just creates a cycle of incompetence between the students and the school.

But this goes against everything students have been taught. In this generation, every kid gets a trophy. Every kid is special. If something goes wrong, someone else is certainly at fault.

However, this way of thinking is dangerous. This encourages students to pass the buck in unfavorable circumstances and to avoid uphill battles. Two years of coursework turns into four because, wishfully, "those counselors failed me." In reality, students have nobody else to blame but themselves.

Plus, this generation has access to resources that their predecessors could only dream of. Colleges post a wealth of information online, and anything that a counselor will say will also be on Valley's website.

There is a website for everything. If students feel alienated by their counselors, then go to talk.collegeconfidential.com/uc-transfers/. This forum specifically caters to students whose goal is to transfer to the UC system or a California State University. There are many other sources for whatever one's educational goal may be.

With the internet, one could argue that counselors are deadweight. If Valley really wants to make cuts, look to the counselors and not classes.

Valley has a minuscule graduation and transfer rate of 29.2 percent according to collegemeasures.org. Does anyone truly believe that number will significantly increase with improved counseling? There comes a certain point where no amount of aid will solve a problem: it all comes down to self-reliance.

SHOULD JAY-Z WAIT FOR FACTS OR BE BLACK AND PROUD?

CAMILA TABAR
STAFF WRITER

In light of recent accusations of racial discrimination in Barney's, Jay-Z's decision to continue his collaboration with the high-end department store is not an act of defiance, but rather a vehicle for social change.

Right now, Jay-Z is in the perfect position to serve as a liaison between the black community and the executives at Barney's. While heated protesters rally for his resignation, they should instead be utilizing Jay-Z's potential to be an immensely influential representative. If initiating change is the ultimate goal of the boycott, it makes no sense to remove the most direct link to Barney's policymakers.

Not only is he working shoulder-to-shoulder with the retailer's executives, but he also holds a position of authority. A line of clothing inspired by the rapper naturally attracts much publicity, and therefore many customers—surely a fact that is clear to the Barney's marketing team. This must give Jay-Z some form of leverage, more leverage than the angry bloggers cursing his name.

Even in name alone, his status as a co-designer for the luxurious department store is, in itself, a symbol of equality. When people imagine Barney's, many picture wealthy housewives spending afternoons swiping their Gold Cards and frivolously spending obscene amounts of money. Inaccurately, most of the time these imagined shoppers are white, but now, with a renowned rap artist working arm-in-arm with designers of the utmost sophistication, stereotypes can be broken and boundaries redefined.

"I've got ideas that mean something … [but] I mean, there's no black guy at the end of the runway in Paris," said rapper and fashion-enthusiast Kanye West. While his opinions have often been dismissed as a comical rants, West actually addressed some serious problems within the fashion world in an interview with Jimmy Kimmel, problems that Jay-Z's collaboration, however indirectly, is taking a step toward addressing.

Nevertheless, people still want to see Barney's punished for its transgressions. And rightfully so. However, at the end of the day, protesters need to realize whom they affect by halting Jay-Z's holiday line. Twenty-five percent of all the sales that come from the collaboration is going to the Shawn Carter Foundation to help underprivileged youths receive an education.

"My idea [to collaborate with Barney's] was born out of creativity and charity … not profit," said Jay-Z in a statement posted on his website. "This collaboration lives in a place of giving and is about the [Shawn Carter] Foundation."

JHANELLE RIVERA
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"It's all black; I love us," Jay-Z raps in "Murder to Excellence," referring to his community. However, where is the interpersonal affection? If that is how he feels, it is ironic that he refuses to break ties with luxury retail store Barneys, after numerous accounts of racial profiling against blacks.

Shawn Carter, publicly known as Jay- Z, exhibited his promotion from Dope dealer chic to entrepreneur through his collaboration with high-end fashion designers such as Balenciaga, Alexander Wang and Hublot, creating a collection called "A New York Holiday." Exclusively sold at Barneys, the items range from a $70 T-shirt to a watch priced at $33,900, according to ABC News.

Launching Nov. 20, the collection will donate 25 percent of each purchase to the non-profit Shawn Carter Foundation, which provides scholarships to less fortunate high school graduates. Jay- Z received the rare opportunity to design his own line while getting a tax write off. If he is so concerned with youth's well-being, he would drop this deal after national media news has reported the story of two young Barneys customers, Trayon Christian and Kayla Phillips, discriminated against in the store.

Christian, who was detained, and Phillips, who was physically attacked by police officers, were both accused of purchasing garments with a phony credit card. For Jay-Z to stand by Barneys after these widely reported incidents, which have been followed by a slew of other similar reports, is appalling. After all, the 43-year-old shares three things in common with these victims: They're all New York natives, they all have dark complexions and they have all been the victims of racial profiling.

"I am no stranger to being profiled, and I truly empathize with anyone that has been put in that position," said Jay-Z in a statement on lifeandtimes.com. He went on to state his intention to continue with the deal and that he doesn't "act on emotion" but facts.

This is a far different tune than Jay-Z was singing in 2006 when the CEO of champagne Cristal, Louis Roederer, made a public statement about his displeasure with the luxury drink being mentioned in hip-hop music: "We can't forbid people from buying it," Roederer said.

"I used to drink Cristal, them fuckers racist," Jay-Z rapped on his 2010 single, "On To The Next One." He also began refusing to serve Cristal at his 40/40 club in Manhattan. Jay-Z wanted to be an activist then, but he is letting down the black community when it needs him to stand up for it most. Take a stand, Jay, and put your money where your mouth is.

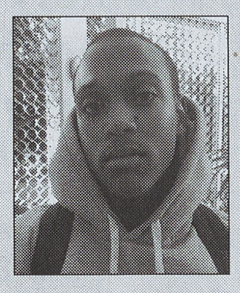
VALLEY VIEW | HOW HAS THE COUNSELING OFFICE TREATED YOU?

"My first and only experience with the counseling department...great, five stars"

- ANASTASIYA KINEACHENLEO
ART MAJOR

"It worked pretty good to me, very helpful and useful."

- NADIA MATTIS
ART MAJOR



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- ANTHONY CROWN
COMPUTER SCIENCE

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- ANASTASIYA LUDCHENKO
UNDECIDED

"IThey are the best once you build a working relationship. Make sure to get an appointment early in the semster."

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DAY OF THE DEAD ALIVE AT VALLEY COLLEGE

Students build altars honoring loved ones in celebration of Dia de los Muertos.

ALTON PITRE AND EDWARD RUANO
STAFF WRITERS

Right after the witches, costumes and trick-or-treating of Halloween comes the Day of the Dead, or Dia De Los Muertos, a joyous celebration of the deceased unique to Mexico.

From Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, the event focuses on the celebration and continuity of life, the devotion to the family, and the honoring of your loved ones who have passed.

"This is not a day of mourning but a day to celebrate and honor the lives of people who were very important to us," said the Associated Student Union's Commissioner of Ethnic and Cultural Affairs Juan Nava. "To have other people become aware of our race and sometimes even ourselves is awesome. We used this event to show others that the Latino community is not just Mexican, [and] it's always important to celebrate your roots whether you're Latino or not."

Valley's Nov. 1 celebration of Day of the Dead concluded Valley's Latino Heritage Week and took the form of numerous tables in the Student Services Center's Multi-Purpose Room that displayed various colorful and artistic shrines created by students, who were given a chance to win a prize for the best altar. They were able to delve into their inner art abilities, spiritually reconnecting with those who were important to them.

"Day of the Dead is a day where we can honor our loved ones who have passed," said Andrea D'Agostaro, a Chicano studies student who created an altar honoring her grandparents. "However, we do it as a celebration to who they were and what they've left us with, whether that's memories, pictures or other personal items. I wanted to represent what reminds me of them and what they liked and enjoyed. Their records, pictures with the family, wine, the flowers and candles, even down to their favorite color."

ALTON PITRE, STAFF WRITER| VALLEY STAR

REMEMBERING- Jocelyn Reyes and Patricia Romero pose with their winning altar Nov. 1 dedicate to their relatives.

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> -Juan Nava
> ASU Commissioner of Ethnic and Cultural Affairs

The Veterans Club created an elaborate table to salute the deceased members of the military, complete with military-issue gear, photos, pins, candles, sugar skulls and posters. Most of the altars staged along the four walls were dedicated to honoring close friends and family, but some also paid respects solely to important historical and pop culture figures such as Steve Jobs, Selena and the Notorious B.I.G.

Chicano students Jennifer Barajas, Jocelyn Reyes and Patricia Romero won first place in the altar contest and received a $50 gift card to Sharky's Woodfired Mexican Grill. Their altar was in memory of Reyes's grandparents and Romero's younger brother who would have been 18 this year. Together, they created a colorful masterpiece of assorted handcrafts, objects, pictures, and other various items that represented the lives of the deceased relatives. The altar's apex was adorned with a statuette of a praying Mother Mary, standing tall, much like the star on top of a Christmas tree.

The collaboration of the honorary altar built by the two Latino students was significant to Romero because it symbolized the missing tombstone that her little brother's grave has never possessed.

"My brother passed [away] in 2006," Romero said. "He was run over at the age of 10 and to this day, he does not have a tombstone. So any chance I get to do something to remember him, I do it. Every time I go to the cemetery to visit him, it breaks my heart."

ALWAYS FORWARD

VETERANS' DAY SPECIALS

Companies offer discounts to active military and veterans.

LEILANI PELTZ

We work hard, both in and out of uniform, whether we have our boots on the ground in the sandbox or our sneakers on the linoleum in college classrooms. We are veterans, regardless of if we spent six months or 20 years in, and on Veterans' Day, many organizations show their support by offering special discounts to the men and women who proudly served our nation. 1) The 2nd Annual Veterans Appreciation Festival at the USS Iowa is on Saturday from 1000 to 1600 hours.The festival will include: -Free Battleship Iowa tours for veterans and active duty military with military ID -Live music -Food trucks -Children's activities -Patriotic Harley riders -Veterans resource fair Website: www.pacificbattleship.com

2) Knott's Berry Farm is offering free admission for veterans or current serving military personnel and one guest with proper identification through Jan. 5. Up to six additional tickets may be purchased for $22 each until Nov. 27. The price of additional tickets will increase to $27 each from Nov. 28 through Jan. 5.

3) In honor of Veterans' Day, the National Park Service will be waiving entrance fees for all national parks from Nov. 9 to Nov. 11. For more information, visit http://www.nps.gov/index.htm.

4) For those desiring seafood, on Sunday, Nov. 10, McCormick & Schmick's– A Pacific Seafood Grill is offering a dine-in only, free entrée from a special menu for veterans. The menu includes 10 different entrées, and the full menu listing can be found here: http://www.mccormickandschmicks.com/featured-promotion/Veterans-Day.aspx. The closest location to Valley College honoring the offer is 206 North Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. The offer is valid all day during their posted hours from 1100 to 2100 hours.

5) From 1100 to 1400 hours on Nov. 11, TGI Fridays will be offering complimentary lunches to veterans and active duty military. The complete lunch menu is eligible to choose from; however, beverages are not included. One location honoring the offer is 5919 Canoga Avenue in Woodland Hills.

6) Looking for Italian food? Olive Garden has a couple offers available. Current members and their families can receive 10 percent off their meal through November with valid identification. On Veterans' Day, each veteran and current member of the military can receive a free entrée from a special menu. Families who are dining with their service members will receive 10 percent off on Nov. 11. The Olive Garden at 1741 North Victory Place in Burbank is one location honoring the offer.

7) Pizza galore! California Pizza Kitchen is offering a complimentary pizza to all active duty military and veterans for dine-in only on Nov. 11. Any pizza on the menu is eligible for this offer. Proof of service includes a valid military ID card, including retired ID, a photograph in uniform or a current military pay statement. The CPK at 12265 Ventura Boulevard in Studio City is honoring the offer.

8) Craving something sweet for dessert? All Menchie's Frozen Yogurt locations will be serving free 6-ounce frozen yogurt to veterans and active duty personnel for Veterans' Day at all their locations. Present a valid ID or come in uniform to qualify.

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MONARCH STUDENTS SEEK TO DESTROY PROCRASTINATION

Students learn to manage their time effectively in this past Thursday's workshop.

ALTON PITRE
STAFF WRITER

"You have to measure your goals. How can you achieve your goals if you don't measure them?", said Valley College's Psychological Services Counselor Sarah Belgrad to students on Thursday's Time Management Workshop.

In the workshop, students learned how to supervise their timing schedules in an easy and effective way, aiding to their succession of academics. According to Belgrad, a good balance of schoolwork and self-care is required in order to attainably accomplish this enterprise, and the deficient state of time management causes a mental strain on students.

"Time management is important for college students because it decreases anxiety and raises productivity, "said Belgrad. "Students that don't have time management skills don't reach school goals because they focus more on distractions and interruptions."

There are multiple tools and methods of time management for students, many of which fail because of procrastination and lack of time planning. Belgrad advised students on "The Five Golden Rules", a guide that explains the standards of time management, and also demonstrated how to prioritize activities as urgent and important on a high-low scale.

Rule number one of the five golden rules is to set goals that motivate; the second rule is to set SMART goals. SMART goals is described as an acronym; Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-Bound. When setting Specific goals students must be clear and well defined, and include precise amounts and dates in reference to setting the Measurable goals. Setting Attainable goals is making sure that they are realistically possible. When setting Relevant goals, students should organize them in the significance of the direction they want their life and career to take. The last goal is setting Time-Bound goals that must have a deadline. This simply wares students of when they are able to celebrate success.

Rule number three is to write out goals. This is the physical act of writing down a real and tangible goal. The fourth rule is to make an action plan, writing out the individual steps of the goals and crossing each one off as they are completed. By doing so, the student's progress is realized. The last rule is to stick with it, building in reminders that keep the student on constant track.

By following these five golden rules of goal setting students can apply goals with confidence and enjoy the satisfaction that comes along with knowing the achievement of what was set out to do.

Belgrad also explained the urgent/important matrix by Dr. Stephen Covey that lets the student distinguish activities on a diagram; important activities that have an outcome that leads to the achievement of goals, and urgent activities that demand immediate attention. Belgrad mentioned that this structure process helps to overcome the natural tendency to focus on urgent activities, enabling one to keep clear time on what is really important.

Nursing major Alejandro Del Cid found the workshop very useful because he is commonly unsuccessful when trying to manage his time.

"I have a high level of stress," said Del Cid. "And now I can fix it because I can see my problems usually with what I'm doing wrong."

LEILANI PELTZ, NEWS EDITOR| VALLEY STAR

OUT AND PROUD - Emcees Kay Nakamura and Tiffany Lanoix, ask questions to panelists Alfreda Lanoix, Cristian Regnaga, Chris Villalobos, and Jaye Johnson at the Gay-Straight Alliance club event "OUT!" on Oct. 28 in the Humanities Building.

GSA HOSTS PANEL AND WORKSHOP

The Gay-Straight Alliance club event "OUT!" teaches students how to be a good ally at a tough time.

LEILANI PELTZ
NEWS EDITOR

Diana Ross belted out, "I'm coming out. I want the world to know, got to let it show" over speakers as people arrived Oct. 28 for the Gay-Straight Alliance club's "OUT!" panel and interactive workshop.

The audience of nearly 50 people listened as the four panelists introduced themselves by sharing their coming-out stories.

Alfreda Lanoix is an openly lesbian woman and the mother of the advisor for the GSA club, Tiffany Lanoix.

"I came out in the middle of my marriage," Lanoix said. "I had two kids and two dogs, a little house up on the top of the hill—so from outer appearances, it looked like a normal situation."

Lanoix delayed coming out for the sake of her children, but when she became suicidal, she realized it was in their best interest to have a gay mother than a dead one.

For GSA President Cristian Reynaga, his coming-out process continues to be a struggle. Reynaga, a Latino man, talked about how his sister who raised him reacted.

"[My sister] shunned me," Reynaga said. "She didn't want me to be around her or my nieces and nephews."

Chris Villalobos knew at a young age that he was gay but did not come out until his senior year of high school.

"'Mom, Dad, Grandma, I experimented with a boy,'" Villalobos remembers telling his family. "They asked, 'Well, did you like it? Are you happy?' And that's when I realized I was part of the most loving, accepting family."

One of the male panelists, Jaye Johnson, is a consultant and personal evolution coach. He had two coming out stories.

"The first time I came out, I came out as a lesbian. So, if you didn't guess it already, I'm a transgender male."

The second time, he came out as transgender while married to a woman.

"When I decided to come out to my wife and say 'I'm transgender,' that was probably the scariest time," Johnson said. "She could have said no, but I couldn't live another day inauthentically, whether she would stay or not. We've been married almost 10 years now."

Panelists answered moderator and audience questions about the age they came out, to whom they first came out, their biggest fear and whether they would choose to be gay, lesbian, transgender or straight if given the choice. The last question split the panel, with half the members saying they would chose to be straight.

"It was eye-opening," psychology major Daniel Alvarez said. "It spreads the word and shows people they aren't alone, and it helps the gay community to become more

VALLEY VOICES FILL MUSIC HALL

Music students from 413 and 414 showcased their talents at the fifth Free Wednesday Concert Series.

EDWARD RUANO
COPY EDITOR

Students put on their best attire and warmed up their vocal chords during Valley College's fifth Free Wednesday Concert Series of the fall semester.

The Oct. 30 performance featured members of the music 413 and music 414 classes, who were accompanied by pianists Timothy Jameson and Dr. Patricia Hannifan.

"I thought they did a fantastic job," said Hannifan, one of the accompanists in the concert and a music instructor at Valley. "I am so proud of them. I've seen most of them in voice 1, and I've seen them grow, and this was just fantastic."

The group had varying vocal ranges and contrast, and the repertoire was carefully chosen to highlight each performer's abilities. All of the artists blended together smoothly in an hour of intense sound, storytelling and emotion during the show, which was held in the Music Recital Hall.

Two somber pieces began the concert: Hector Menzona's guitar and vocal rendition of "O Sole Mio" by Eduardo di Capua, and Tod Burnam's performance, who sang of "something beautiful that came back to him," in his rendition of "Vaghissima Sembianze" by Stefano Donaudy. The show went on to present Cynthia Steingold's colorful falsetto performance of "O Had I Jubal's Lyre" by G.F. Handel.

"I thought it was wonderful," said Steingold. "I felt so good about it afterwards because it was so fun to watch all of my fellow students perform. During the rehearsals, we try really hard, but it just doesn't come out as well. I did not expect it to be as good as it came out today."

Oren Halmut's performance of "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables" came after Steingold and before Natalie Hanson took the stage. Hanson sang a story of a girl going to the forest after a heartbreak titled, "Selve Amiche." Next came a duet by Kiki Bennett and Ben Hernandez, who sang "Vide Cor Meum," a piece composed by Patrick Cassidy, based on a sonnet from Dante's "La Vita Nuova."

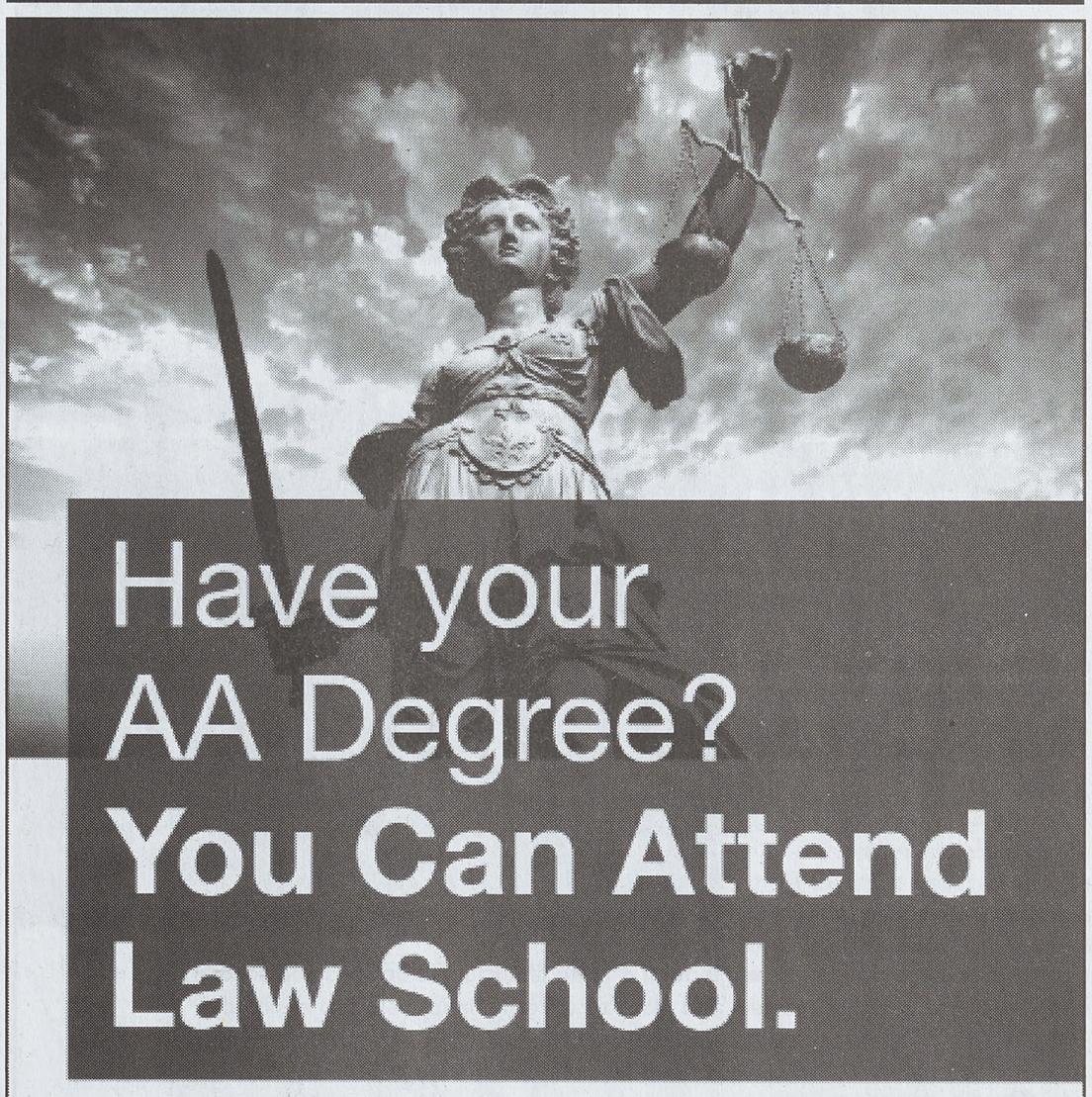
Two performances by Theresa Ford and Billy Hernandez followed as the concert came to and end. Before concluding with Rubina Terteryan singing "Ave Maria" by Luigi Luzzi, was Leticia Munguia, who sang of "getting rid of a guy who broke her heart," with "Vittoria Mio Core" by Giacomo Carissimi.

"I really liked the show," said Jessica Salas, a psychology major who attended the concert. "[The audience] really showed their enthusiasm, and I think that helped their performance a lot."

This was the first voice showcase of the semester, but Dr. Christian Nova, one of the music instructors at Valley, plans to hold one every semester. The sixth installment in the Free Wednesday Concert Series will be on Nov. 6 in the Music Recital Hall, room 106 of the music building, at 1 p.m., and will feature the LAVC Piano Class Showcase.

EDWARD RUANO, COPY EDITOR| VALLEY STAR

STARS FOR THE NIGHT - Students from the music 413 and 414 classes take final bow to the audience after the con-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MONARCHS GET CLAWED BY OWLS

ROSHON BONNER | SPECIAL TO THE STAR

BLOCKED SHOT - .Monarch goal keeper Athena Del Rosario attempts to block a shot from the Ventura College Owls.

The Lady Monarchs soccer team loses its second consecutive home game.

JORGE BELON
STAFF WRITER

Citrus College freshmen forward Rebekah Evans' two-goal performance sunk the lady Monarchs for its second consecutive loss.

"We all know this team does not have good endurance," Monarchs midfielder Rebecca Lajuan said. "Our marking could be better, our passes could be better. We need to get better if we want to make the playoffs."

Evans' first goal did not come from a well-executed play from the Owls, Instead her goal was a gift from Valley College's failure to clear the ball from the penalty box.

Evans would take advantage of the mistakes made by the Monarchs, and placed the ball in the back of the net, giving Citrus College the lead at the 30-minute-mark of the first half.

In the opening half, the Lady Monarchs had no momentum on the offensive side. The Owls moved the ball swiftly around the pitch, making Valley's defense chase them for the first 45-minutes-of the game.

Before the half ended, lady Monarchs' forward Savannah Ajar left the game after receiving an elbow right above her eye from Owl's midfielder Kacie Licata.

"Honestly what can you do when you see your player go down bleeding," Lajuan said "You just get mad and do your best to move on."

In the second half Valley began to press the Citrus College defense with one two combinations from Monarch midfielders Stephanie Velasquez and Jessica Perez.

"We started very slow," defender Dalia Vides said. "But in the second half we improved there is no doubt about that.

As the second half carried on Valley's effort died down and the Owls re-took control of the game with Evans leading the charge.

Monarch goalkeeper Athena Del Rosario had eight saves in the game, five of which came in the second half.

Despite Del Rosario's effort, Evans, found herself open in the penalty box for a few seconds in the last five minutes of the match and, scored the final goal with header to defeat the Monarchs 2-0.

"We did not communicate right away in defense," Vides said. "That is why we got scored on, and lost the game."

After losing to Citrus, the lady Monarchs post-season appearance has become questionable.

"The playoffs are almost out of reach," said Valley College soccer Assistant Coach Jose Leon, "We need to win the next three games out of four to at least have a chance of making the playoffs."

Valley's next home game is Friday at 3 p.m. against Glendale College.

MONARCH SCHEDULES

Football:

Saturday, Nov
vs. West L.A
@Valley 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 16
vs. Southwest
@Valley 6 p.m.

Cross Country:

Friday, Nov. 8
So. Cal Finals
@ Santa Clarita
Fresno 11 p.m.

Fri-Sat, Nov. 22-23
State Finals
@ Fresno 10 a.m.

Woman's soccer:

Friday, Nov. 8
vs. Glendale
@ Valley 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov.12
@ Bakerfield 3 p.m.

Friday, Nov.15
vs. Santa Monica
@ Valley 3 p.m.

Woman's Basketball:

Friday, Nov. 8-10
Mt.Sac Tip Off Tournament
@ Mt. Sac 5 p.m.

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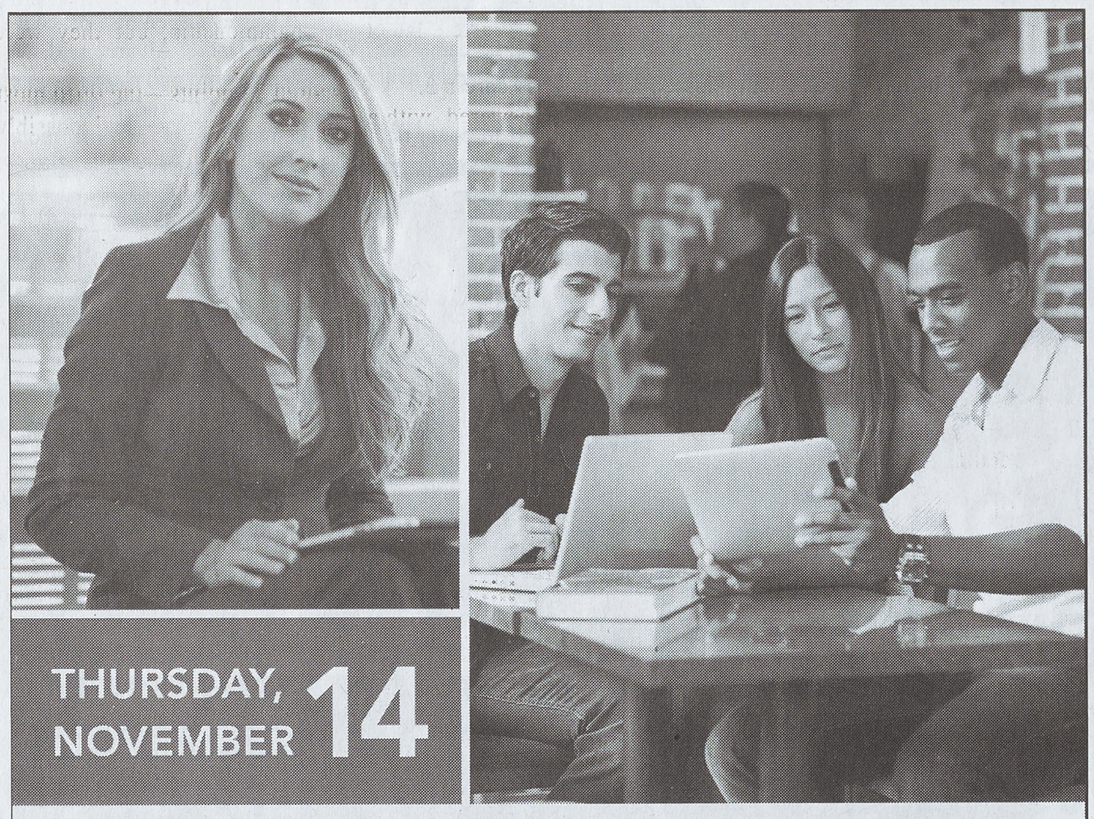
SCORE - Lady Monarchs' No.14 Guadalupe Ramos attempting to clear the ball against Ventura last Friday.



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KECHICHIAN HELPS MONARCHS TO FOURTH CONFERENCE WIN

The Lady Monarchs water polo team collected its nineteenth win of the season.

JORGE BELON
STAFF WRITER

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COACHING- Lady Monarchs water polo team rally with assistant coach Robert Echeverria in the game against Citrus College were Valley College won 14-4.

The lady Monarchs defeated the Ventura College Pirates 9-6 Wednesday in a tightly contested water polo match at Valley College. Leading the Monarchs was sophomore Nayiri Kechichian with four goals and sophomore goalie Mariquita Lopez with eight saves.

"We had a rocky start to the game," Lopez said. "But we picked it up as the game went on and got the goals to win the game."

The Monarchs jumped to a two-goal lead thanks to freshmen Biyouregh Boghozian who spun away from the defender and placing the ball into the back of the net.

A few minutes later, Kechichian scored the second goal for the Monarchs.

A drop in tempo and tenacity on defense on the Monarchs side allowed the Pirates to score two goals late in the first quarter.

"We needed to help each other in defense more," said utility sophomore Sabrina Hatzer, "We needed to communicate better out there."

In the second quarter, the Monarchs responded to their coach's plead of marking [Freshmen Lauren McCaslin] on the Pirates, "Don't lose number five, she is the only one that can score." said water polo Coach Pete Loporchio.

Valley scored three goals in the second quarter. Kechichian scored the first of three for the Monarchs. She lobed the ball over the opposing 6-foot-2 goalie's stretched out arms.

The Monarchs doubled their lead when sophomore attacker Jacqueline Jones received a pass from Kechichian, and launch a shot to the top left hand corner of the goal to give Valley a 4-2 lead.

A few minutes before the first half ended, Hatzer, got her first goal of the match. Hatzer took a powerful distance shot from the left-hand side, and sent the ball to the bottom right hand corner of the goal to give Valley a three-goal lead going into half time.

At the start of the third quarter, McCaslin would break free from Valley defensive plan and score to cut the lead down 5-3.

The Monarchs restored their lead back to three goals. Kechichian got her third goal with a hard shot that flew right over a human wall of Ventura College defenders.

Pirates' goalie Molly Watkins would make her sixth save out 11-total after Monarch attacker Savannah Simmons took a shot, but Boghozian rebounded and puting the ball in the net to giving Valley a 7-3 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Monarchs continued their attack, extending their lead after Hatzer scored her second goal of the match making the score 8-3.

The Pirates answered with a goal from Christina Tellez. Her goal cut the lead back down to four goals, but less than a minute later, Kechichian would break away from Ventura's defense and beat the goalie to give Valley a 9-6 victory.

"We came out a little flat," said assistant Coach Robert Echeverria, "But we had an intense tournament a few days ago, so they were tired, but they still pulled through and won the game."

LADY MONARCHS PREPARE FOR NEW BASKETBALL SEASON

The Valley College woman's basketball team prepares for season opener.

ROMEO GONZALEZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Last season the Valley College woman's basketball team won its first championship in the last ten years but lost its two leading players.

According to coach Monica Hang, this year's team might not have a superstar, but she said the talent runs deep.

"I want more, I want another title this year," said coach Monica Hang. "I want to go further in the playoffs."

Last year sophomores: Ani Avanessian, who averaged 16.7 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. She was recognized as division player of the year and first team all state. Guard Lydia Pope averaged 8.7 points and 3.1 assists per contest and was an all-conference South Division selection.

"Ani is rare; she is one of a kind. It's hard to compare anyone to her," said Hang of trying to replace her star from last year. "Just everything about her, her attitude, her work ethic, her confidence, her demeanor, it's hard to replace.

Before last season, the Monarchs had fallen short from making it to the playoffs or winning a championship by one game for two consecutive years.

"We were always one shy of making the post season, one shy of being the conference champs," said Hang. "They take 18 teams to playoffs we were 19th both years."

The team is rebuilding this year with Kaila Turner, Chelsea Rhamdeow , Bobbie Morgutie and Jecenia Trinidad as the only returning players,

"So far I see, because we're all so talented, we are learning how to work with one another and use those talents in different ways," Turner said in an article in The San Fernando Valley Sun. "It is a new group, but there remains some [returning] sophomores who can help out the new people to know what Coach wants."

According to Hang, she has yet to make a decision on who will be her starting five, but one thing she does know is it will not be the best five individuals; it will be the best five who work together as a team on the court.

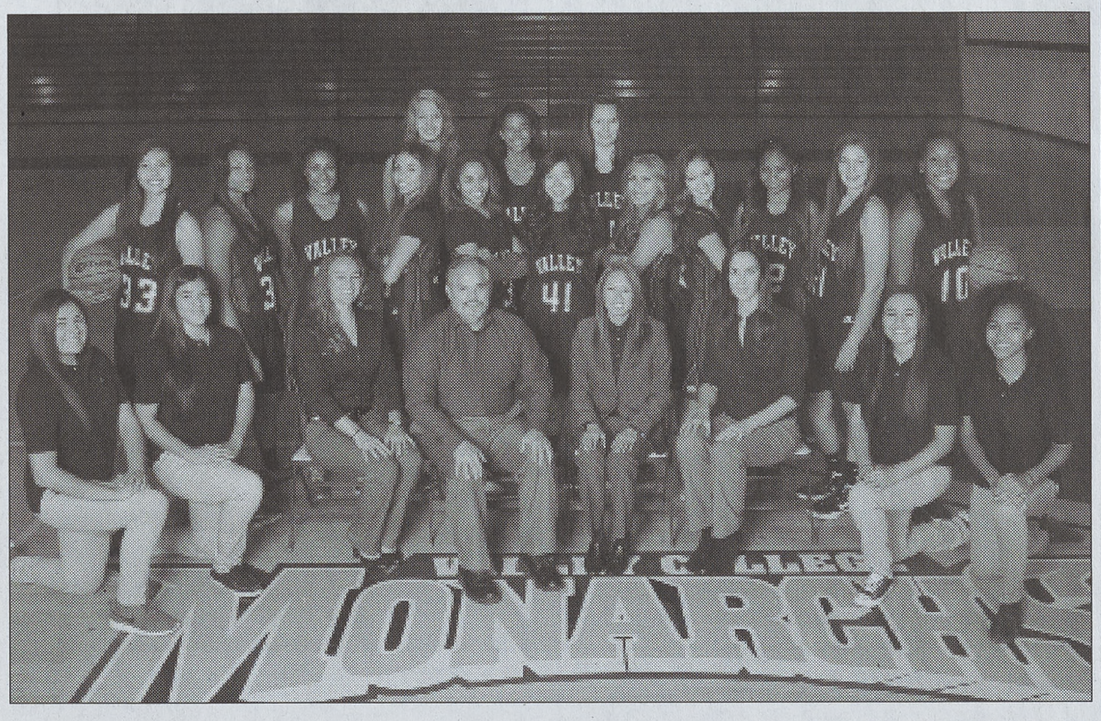
This year, there are 11 sophomores, and Hang said, he has more depth in this team than she has had in her nine years of coaching.

Last season, the Lady Monarchs had an eight-man rotation. According to Hang, with the amount of players she has on the team this year, she could be looking at an 12 to 13 man rotation.

"My second five can be as good as my first five," she said. "This is the most talented, athletic team the we have had."

Valley College will have its first preseason game on Nov.8 in the Mt. SAC Tip Off Tournament against Laney College at 5 p.m.

"I feel that we are going to be one of the top teams to beat," said Hang. "If we do the right things we should be in the competition for another title."



VANUGHAN CHAPANIAN | SPECIAL TO THE STAR
MEET THE LADYS - The Valley College 2013-14 woma's basketball team has a new roster for the season.

THINK IT THROUGH

CLIPPERS KEEP LAKERS RELEVANT

The Lakers defeated the Clippers in season opener after a stunning fourth-quarter performance.

ROMEO GONZALEZ

This NBA season, we entered an episode of "The Twilight Zone" in which the Clippers aren't the Clippers and the Lakers aren't the Lakers.

This is supposed to be the year the Clippers make their championship run, the year everyone forgets about Kobe Bryant, the year the Lakers are surpassed, the year the Clippers finally steal Los Angeles.

Well, that's what everyone thought before last week when the Clippers' "championship" team lost its season opener.

Yes. A Lakers team composed of old men and drifters—and no Kobe Bryant—beat one of the NBA's newest title contenders by 13 points, outscoring the Clippers by 17 points in the fourth quarter.

This was suppose to be the Clippers' first step toward a championship, but they were stopped by a bench, a bench that scored 72 points—the third most in Laker history—and possibly handing Lob City its biggest upset of the year.

"Everybody said we weren't going to beat them, and we were like, fine," Lakers shooting guard Xavier Henry said to the Los Angeles Times. "We thought if they want to beat us, they had to show up and beat us."

It's clear that Doc Rivers' defensive strategy is going to take longer than the summer to come into effect. The Clippers had a horrible defensive performance in the fourth quarter, allowing 65 percent shooting by Lakers in the final period.

This was one of the reasons Rivers was brought to Los Angeles: to teach the Clippers how to close out games.

"It was everybody," Rivers said to the Times. "I would love to say it was the bigs, but it really wasn't a lot of times. It was our guards pulled in at the wrong time, going for steals, gambling, breaking coverage."

This was supposed to be the night Rivers had everyone forget about the purple and gold, but instead it was the best two and a half hours of Mike D'Antoni's Laker career in which his team played the way it was planned.

Everyone expects the Lakers to not make the playoffs this year, and the Clippers' season isn't expected to end until the NBA finals, yet last week it felt as nothing had ever changed and the Clippers were still struggling to compete with the elite.

This was supposed to be the start of a new era in L.A. Instead, the Lakers reminded us that they still know how to run the show.

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UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES VISIT VALLEY FOR TRANSFER EVENT

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The LAVC College Fair was on Tuesday, Oct. 29 in the front of the Humanities Building. Several students attended the event, as did several representatives from various universities. UCLA, USC, UC Berkeley, CSUN are just a few that came. Government officials were at the fair as well, including the LAPD and the United States Marines, who sent recruiters to find new enlistees.

A total of 54 schools were at the event, and each representative spoke to roughly 50 students at a time. The total number of students who came to the College Fair was around 2,500 students.

During November, representatives from the UCs, CSUs, and private colleges and universities will be at Valley College to speak with students.

For those considering transfer who would like a tour of the campus, bus trips to the universities are available through the Career/Transfer Center.

Students can take a bus trip to UCLA on Nov. 8. The bus leaves at 8 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m. UCLA will also be having its own Transfer Day on Nov. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information and to meet UCLA admissions representatives and learn about the admissions process, students can sign up online at www.admissions.ucla.edu/events/transfer